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Sierra Club California Celebrates Release of Clean Car Standards

State leadership results in cleaner cars and oil savings on a national scale

Today Sierra Club California celebrates the California Air Resources Board, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) for releasing clean car standards that will significantly reduce our dependence on oil and cut global warming pollution. Based on state clean car standards passed by California and 13 other states, the standards released today will raise the fuel economy of our new cars and trucks to 35.5 miles per gallon in 2016, cutting their emissions by 30%. Significantly, these standards mark the first time EPA is regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act.

Statement of Sierra Club California Director, Bill Magavern

“Sierra Club California applauds the California Air Resources Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration for setting a high national bar for greener vehicles based on California’s strong standards. These standards will result in large scale greenhouse gas reductions and guarantee that all Americans benefit from cleaning up our air for our kids, save money at the gas pump, reduce our dangerous dependence on oil, create new jobs and ensure global leadership in advancing technology for greener vehicles.”

“With our help, these new cars will save nearly 2 billion barrels of oil and keep 950 million metric tons of CO₂ out of the atmosphere. Cleaner cars are long overdue!”

“These final standards show that the Clean Air Act is an effective tool for curbing greenhouse gas pollution. We will all breathe easier and our climate will benefit. We call on our members of Congress to show their support for EPA and oppose efforts to weaken the Clean Air Act. ”

“According to a recent report by the Public Policy Institute of California, light duty vehicles are responsible for over 70% of greenhouse gas transportation emissions in California. That’s why Sierra Club California has been working to strengthen our clean car standards for nearly a decade. These standards show that states can lead, that the US Environmental Protection Agency can use the Clean Air Act to cut carbon pollution and we can reduce our dangerous dependence on oil. We can do all this and keep more hard earned dollars in our pockets and in our communities instead of sending them overseas to pay for oil.”

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